

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S335–S381

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1927–1934. **Page S372**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Review of the Terrorist Attacks on U.S. Facilities in Benghazi, Libya, September 11–12, 2012”. (S. Rept. No. 113–134)

S. 1901, to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016. **Page S367**

Measures Passed:

Further Continuing Appropriations: By 86 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 11), Senate passed H.J. Res. 106, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014. **Pages S343–44**

Measures Considered:

Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1846, to delay the implementation of certain provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012. **Pages S335, S344–60**

Unemployment Benefits Extension: Toomey motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair that Coburn Amendment No. 2606 to S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, is not in order because the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1846 is the pending business. **Page S338**

House Messages:

Omnibus Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 3547, to extend Government liability, subject to appropriation, for certain third-party claims arising from commercial space launches, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S360**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, January 17, 2014.

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Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 2655, to change the enactment date. **Page S360**

Reid Amendment No. 2656 (to Amendment No. 2655), of a perfecting nature. **Page S360**

Reid motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2657, to change the enactment date. **Page S360**

Reid Amendment No. 2658 (to the instructions) Amendment No. 2657), of a perfecting nature. **Pages S360–61**

Reid Amendment No. 2659 (to Amendment No. 2658), of a perfecting nature. **Page S361**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of Reid motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014. **Page S380**

Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S380

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—11) Page S344

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S380.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SITUATION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Iraq and Syria from Derek H. Chollet, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Vice Admiral Frank C. Pandolfe, USN, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy, Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Gerald M. Feierstein, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Alan R. Pino, National Intelligence Officer for Near East, and David Peck, Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Transnational Threats, both of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

REGULATING FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES AND PHYSICAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine regulating financial holding companies and physical commodities, after receiving testimony from Norman C. Bay, Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Vincent McGonagle, Director, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and Michael S. Gibson, Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

FUTURE OF UNMANNED AVIATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of unmanned aviation in the United States economy, focusing on safety and privacy considerations, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Michael P. Huerta, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; Mary Cummings, Duke University Humans and Autonomy Laboratory, Durham, North Carolina; Henio Arcangeli, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A., Cypress, California; and Christopher R. Calabrese, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sarah Bloom Raskin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, and Rhonda K. Schmidlein, of Missouri, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of R. Gil Kerlikowske, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Customs, Department of Homeland Security, who was introduced by Senators Murray and Cantwell, and L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, and Tamara Wenda Ashford, of Virginia, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implications of the crisis in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from Victoria Nuland, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Thomas O. Melia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, both of the Department of State; and Zbigniew K. Brzezinski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1901, to authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016; and

The nominations of Cynthia H. Akuetteh, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Gabonese Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Catherine Ann Novelli, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Tina S. Kaidanow, of the District of Columbia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, Kevin Whitaker, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, Daniel W. Yohannes, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Sarah Sewall, of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Helen Meagher La Lime, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola,